

Community Correction Agencies Receive Grants

Media Contact:

Department of Correction

Java Ahmed

(317) 234-1693

E-mail: jahmed@doc.in.gov

"This is the first time we have kept score with Community Corrections agencies and I am pleased that the majority of counties have provided leadership, direction and a steady influence in moving toward evidence-based practices and a commitment to serve the target population. More counties are using their community correction programs to transition offenders from prison. This model promotes successful re-entry and public safety."

J. David Donahue,
Commissioner

Indianapolis, Indiana - (April 27, 2006) - The Indiana Department of Correction is pleased to announce that 56 Community Corrections agencies have received \$27 million dollars in funding for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007. The funding formulas for Community Corrections are based on indicators that meet evidence-based practice standards.

"This is the first time we have kept score with Community Corrections agencies and I am pleased that the majority of counties have provided leadership, direction and a steady influence in moving toward evidence-based practices and a commitment to serve the target population," said Commissioner J. David Donahue. "More counties are using their community correction programs to transition offenders from prison. This model promotes successful re-entry and public safety."

"Funding decisions are related to documentation as proposed by counties in the grant applications," said Deputy Commissioner Julie von Arx. "I am excited that the industry standards have been elevated and that we are rewarding communities based on measurement and high performance."

Each county must demonstrate the added value of community corrections programs, including the number of felony offenders served based on a county's population level.

Positive changes occurring this year include a formula for Community Corrections grants, a Grant Review Committee and a nationally trained full-time instructor. The Department of Correction is also providing nationally-recognized experts in the field of evidence-based practice to consult with counties.

"Congratulations to the counties receiving grant awards and the Department is looking forward to a continued partnership," added Donahue.

About The Department of Correction

The Department employs over 8,000 employees and houses 24,000 adult and juveniles in 32 facilities, ranging from minimum to maximum custody, prison camps, juvenile facilities and work release centers. The Department's home page on the Internet can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/indcorrection>. The Department's Re-entry Site can be found: <http://www.reentry.in.gov>.